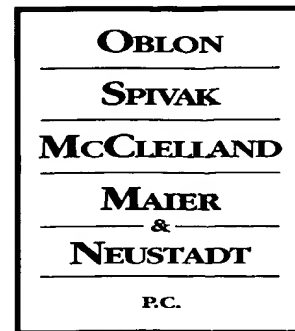




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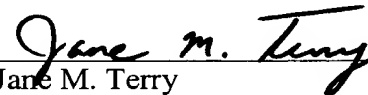
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Respectfully submitted,

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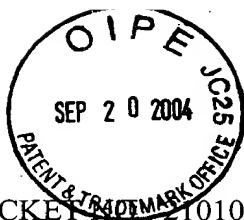

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In response to Restriction Requirement dated August 20, 2004, Applicants elect, with
traverse, the following product for continued prosecution in the above-identified application:

Claims 18-27, drawn to products of the formula (I), wherein
 R^1 is phenyl, optionally substituted by (C1)-(C31), as defined in claim 23
 R^2 is carboxy or hydroxyaminocarbonyl
Ar is thienyl
A is trimethylene
X is a single bond
Y is thia, sulfinyl or sulfonyl
Z is methylene
m and n are each an integer of 0 to 6, and 1 is less than or equal to (m+n)
which is less than or equal to 6, and salts thereof.